

He'll Put the Brakes On If You Won't!

"...And that's the kind of thing that we learn. And it's always if God's at work in it, not only does he allow us to see the natural order of the world we live in and what he's doing, but it's always going to help us be more patient, and more tender and more gentle and more compassionate, more loving toward people, we're going to see people for where they are and the things they need. And for us, we don't have to have every answer to everything. But we're available. We're approachable, we're attainable — to be able to help people and that's what we're learning from Jesus right now in Luke. He was accessible, he was attainable, and people could approach him and he wasn't threatened by those that approached him. And he has solutions for them and we want to be the hands and feet of Jesus right now. So all these things remind us that he will put the brakes on for you when you won't put the brakes on yourself. That's the neat thing about it, he can heal us up and use those things, and like we've talked about before, God can fix this and the issue but more than anything, we know he wants to fix me for what it is that he's got going on in my life. And that's really what all this is saying... God's in the fixing business, but he fixes people for what he's gonna bring them in and through — to use them in this world we live in — so that is a takeaway from Job 37. To me, it explains a lot about the natural order of things, it also helps us realize that: God will slow you down at times, and he'll make you rest. And you can thank him for it. You can thank him, it's a gift of His chastening love, you get unsettled and caught up in things that do matter, but they're not, they're not the excellent thing. They're not the best thing. And you're not proving what is the best thing. And you know, as the scripture says that God wants to renew us. So we can prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God. And we can choose the excellent thing of the Lord. For what? So we can authentically represent Him, we can have fruit that brings glory to Him, and we can be a blessing — to help people with the goodness and the hope that we have in Him. And we are those vessels that he works through. He calls us vessels of mercy, vessels of mercy, that he works through that God's written a story. He's told us what the end looks like. He's placed us in that story. Now he's revealing that grace out through our life as we walked with him, and we're part of that journey. Look at Philippians, real quick, Philippians one, Philippians..."

Who Controls the Storms?

Nahum, a contemporary of Jeremiah, helps us see Him who controls the whirlwind and who has called for a coming storm for all the nations (Jeremiah 25).

Learning how to recognize the path of the Lord and the dust of His feet.

The Dust of His Feet

Trusting God and entrusting the uncomfortable and uncontrollable things of His holiness and this world to Him that controls it all.

All injustice will come face to face with the holy justice and holy judgment of our holy Judge and holy Justifier.

What makes justice unjust, is the lack of God's holy justice, judgment, and justification. In essence... that which lacks the presence, purpose and priority of God may be justified before man but it's an injustice to God and His glory and grace.

"The LORD is slow to anger and great in power, and He by no means will allow the un-graced to go unpunished. The LORD has His way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds that follow the storms are like dust, following closely behind those traveling a dry path, leaving evidence of His presence, path and purpose in the storms of life." (Nahum 1:3)

I'm going to share with y'all again the following principles in light of Nahum's revelation.

"The Lord is good and strong, the safest of all refuges in times of triumph and trouble, and even better than that, He KNOWS those who trust Him." (Nahum 1:7)

You can't get this beauty without the storm.

Atmospheric changes, like this, usually set the stage for unique and beautiful displays of God's glory and splendor in the heavens. Today's storms were no different. They rolled through our day, leaving these beautiful clouds behind, just in time for the light of today's sunset to put them in the spotlight. God, day after day, uses the flexibility and forbearance of the heavens to paint beautiful skies like this all over the globe. When the clouds loom, at a certain time in the evening, just before the light yields to the darkness, His splendor will stop us in our tracks and demand that we praise Him again and again.

Likewise, it can be the turbulent atmosphere in homes, marriages, communities and nations that often sets the stage for unique demonstrations of grace and God's richest blessings among and through His people. We have no need to be scared or fear the troubles that come, but we need to be wisely prepared and realize that God uses even the ugliness of life to produce beauty through it. And, like the weather, we don't have to create the atmosphere for the raging storms, that come our way, but if we're wise, we'll prepare for them before they catch us unprepared and unaware.

Things are not always good. Circumstances are not always ideal. Times are not always pleasant.

People are not always kind to us. But God is forever good... He just seems better when times are not. So go ahead and laugh at all that life throws at you... especially, if you have Someone bigger than life, working everything together for the good. It's the flexible and forbearance of the servants of God, living by faith, with their eyes fixed on Jesus, that are a blessing of undeniable beauty like these clouds.

Remember... you can't get this beauty without the storm.

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#likedust #clouds #storms #whirlwind #Godisholy #holynineverywaythatishisway #atmosphere
#clouds #sunset #disturbed #unsettling #peace #joy #Godsprocess #tribulation #affliction
#perseverance #character #hope #hopethatneverdisappoints #psalm84and10thru11
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